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****PRIZES**** ****PRIZES**** ****PRIZES****
BOB CAMPBELL WILL SHOW A SHORT VIDEO
TAPE ENTITLED "AMERICAN NUMISMATIC
ASSN. TOUR". WE WILL SET UP FOR THE
COIN & TOKEN SHOW.
REMEMBER THIS MONTH'S MEETING IS BEING
HELD AT THE NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY #2
1523 SUNNYSIDE AVENUE. MAP IS
INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE.

PRIZES

DOOR PRIZE
1960 LIBERTY HALF DOLLAR

GRAND PRIZE
3 ALASKA GOLD NUGGETS

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THE MECCA IN THE KEARNS BLDG/DORAN WEED CO/KENYON BAR ANNEX
12 1/2C IN MERCHANDISE

COMING EVENTS: JUNE 25, 26, 27 - ANNUAL NUTS COIN SHOW
JULY 21 - WEDNESDAY - BE SURE TO MAKE A NOTE OF THE EXCITING
TRAIN RIDE COMING UP ON JULY 21, WEDNESDAY AT 7 PM. 1200
WEST OFF OF NORTH TEMPLE, TURN LEFT, GO IN 2 BLOCKS. LAST
BUILDING OF FAIRGROUND IS ABOUT 1200 WEST. SIGN: SALT LAKE,
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****MEMBERS ONLY!!!!**** ON THE TRAIN RIDE--FARE IS \$2 PER
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Train ride arranged courtesy Vice President Phil Lavorgna

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear NUTS,

Ron Stephens' talk last month gave us insights on finding new treasure hunting locations. It was very interesting. Ron's stories of successful finding sites should help keep us enthused for quite a while. We want to thank Ron for his exciting talk.

We also wish to thank George Wilson for his article on research. I followed up on one of George's tips and visited the Marriott Library. I discovered the old Sanborn fire maps from around the turn of the century. I had several copies made of areas which should provide some good detecting. There is a lot more good information at the Marriot Library and I plan to return soon.

The NUTS CLUB COIN AND TOKEN SHOW will be held on June 25, 26, & 27th. It should be a lot of fun. I appreciate all the people who have already signed up to help. We still need more volunteers for cleaning up on Sunday starting at 3 p.m. IF YOU CAN HELP OUT, PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL! (942-4365).

Sincerely,
Bill Brown

WAGON MASTER BRUCE DUGGER

FIND OF THE MONTH (F.O.M.)

How would you like a small reward for your finds? The rules are simple, just read and keep the rule sheet from last month. A Mercury dime will be awarded for first place in each category of F.O.M. competition. If you are interested in competing, bring a few of them to the June meeting, found since the last NUTS meeting. You will need to come a few minutes early to enter your finds. The next newsletter will announce the award to be given for the NUTS Treasure Hunter of the Year. Questions? Call Bruce Dugger - 966-3661.

FINDS OF THE MONTH - WINNERS BY CATEGORY FOR MAY MEETING

U. S. COIN	*G. MANOS	1879 SILVER DOLLAR	TOKEN	*B. DUGGER	WINTER QUARTERS UT
FOREIGN COIN	*M. MILGROM	1911 FARTHING	JEWELRY	*M. MILGROM	GOLD RING
ARTIFACT	*E. BERNKOPF	NEWSBOYS UNION #1	NON-METAL	*B. DUGGER	DOLL
BUTTON	*M. MILGROM	DRESS BUTTON	OLDEST US CENT	*A. CUNNINGHAM	1897 INDIAN HEAD
OLDEST US COIN	*E. BERNKOPF	1855 HALF DOLLAR	MOST VAL. US COIN	*T. ROSE	1909S VDB PENNY

We had 23 entries in the May contest and are looking forward to even more in June! Bring out your finds to the meeting.

FROM THE EDITOR

Send material for publication in the Newsletter to: Karen Kay, 3871 South 6620 West, West Valley City, Utah 84120. Also, please make sure you call me (250-1663) with new addresses before the deadline so you will receive "THE TOKEN HUNTER" on time. Sorry for any inconvenience caused because I not only put the wrong deadline date in for June, I had to move it up even further than usual!

YOUR ARTICLE, LETTER, ETC., MUST BE TO ME BY JULY 12 TO BE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

FRISCO TRIP

A good time was had by approximately 30 members of the two clubs combined. Several tokens were found, mostly Frisco and Milford. Harold Franke found the most items, according to Bob Campbell. Approximately 25 coins, marbles, doll parts, etc. were found, mostly by screening. The "piece de resistance" was the discovery of an 1861 2 1/2 DOLLAR GOLD PIECE! Sightings of rattlesnakes and scorpions added to the excitement of the adventure.

Andy Robinson and the Mollies Nipple Cache

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Milford, Utah has long been recognized as an important shipping point for livestock, while the valleys surrounding Milford provided good grazing lands for cattle and sheep. First came large herds of cattle that trailed over the vast free ranges, and by 1890 the introduction of sheep started to compete with the cattlemen's freedom on the range. For decades cowboys and sheepherders fought for possession of the best watering holes and grasslands. These feuds or range wars as they were called, became the leading cause for death by "lead poisoning" among those hearty individuals who followed the livestock industry during the period of six-gun law and order.

This risky but adventuresome lifestyle enticed many young men including Andy Robinson who headed West with a cousin from Gainesboro, Tennessee in the late 1890's in search of prosperity in the untamed West. Upon reaching Wyoming Andy and his cousin Steve Brinley found employment on a ranch in Star Valley. In the early days Star Valley served as a temporary hiding place for outlaws, cattle rustlers and polygamists. Needless to say, the experience was no less than fulfilling for the two teenage greenhorns from Tennessee.

By 1903 Steve Brinley had returned to Gainesboro to resume a more subtle lifestyle, while Andy Robinson yearned for the wide open spaces of Wyoming and established his home and new family on the Western Frontier. By 1906 Robinson had worked for several ranchers including Covey and Blainey of "Little America" fame. But most of all, he enjoyed working with the Crane family from Herriman and Riverton, Utah. As a camp tender for the Crane's Andy would spend about six months each year in the Milford area, along with dozens of other stockmen who gathered there at shearing time. Andy knew how wild & woolly Milford could get during these periods and had witnessed the rough side on many occasions while in town purchasing supplies for the chuckwagon. Gunfights and knifings were not uncommon, and a patron at the Flat Iron Saloon could seldom enjoy a schooner of ale or a shot of red-eye without getting powder burned by some trigger happy desperado. For that reason Andy usually made his visits to town brief, preferring the more solitude atmosphere of his camp on the prairie.

It was a brisk Spring morn-



Andy Robinson on the Trail, about 1926

ing at the Mollies Nipple campsite near Milford that made an impression on Andy Robinson to be remembered for the rest of his life. As he casually finished his routine chores around the chuckwagon he noticed in the distance, two men on horseback approaching along the trail leading from town. The men continued to draw closer and finally veered southward, fleeing out of sight behind a small knoll at the base of the Picacho Mountains. At first this observation seemed ordinary, as it was not uncommon to see people traveling to and from the mines in the area, however from Andy's point of view these riders appeared to be traveling in hot pursuit until they reached the small knoll. Several minutes went by, and finally the two men emerged from behind the knoll, only this time they were heading in the opposite direction. Andy continued to watch them until their dust settled along the old trail between Minersville and Frisco.

Feeling this peculiar behavior might be related to a sheep raid, Andy saddled up his horse and set out to make a closer investigation of the matter. Once he picked up the trail of the two horses he quickly followed their tracks into an area behind the knoll. From there he could see that the men had left their horses and started walking. Andy followed the footprints for a short distance to a point where a small spot showed signs of fresh digging. Scratching in the dirt with a stick, Andy unearthed a bulging canvas bag full of greenbacks. The find was no doubt an outlaws cache, and Andy quickly exited from the site, taking the money with him to the sheep wagon.

Later that afternoon Robinson's boss, Will Crane made his usual check on the herd and stopped by to visit with Andy. Will Crane soon learned about Andy's discovery and the outlaws hiding place behind the small knoll. Realizing that the bandits would soon return to retrieve their loot, Will decided to send Andy home with the money. As Andy was packing his suitcase to leave on the first northbound stage, Will Crane explained to him that he would be a rich man, and would never have to work again if he could get safely home with the money. The stage route in those days headed North

WYOMING RANGE WAR

MASKED MEN SLAUGHTER
SHEEP NEAR LARAMIE.

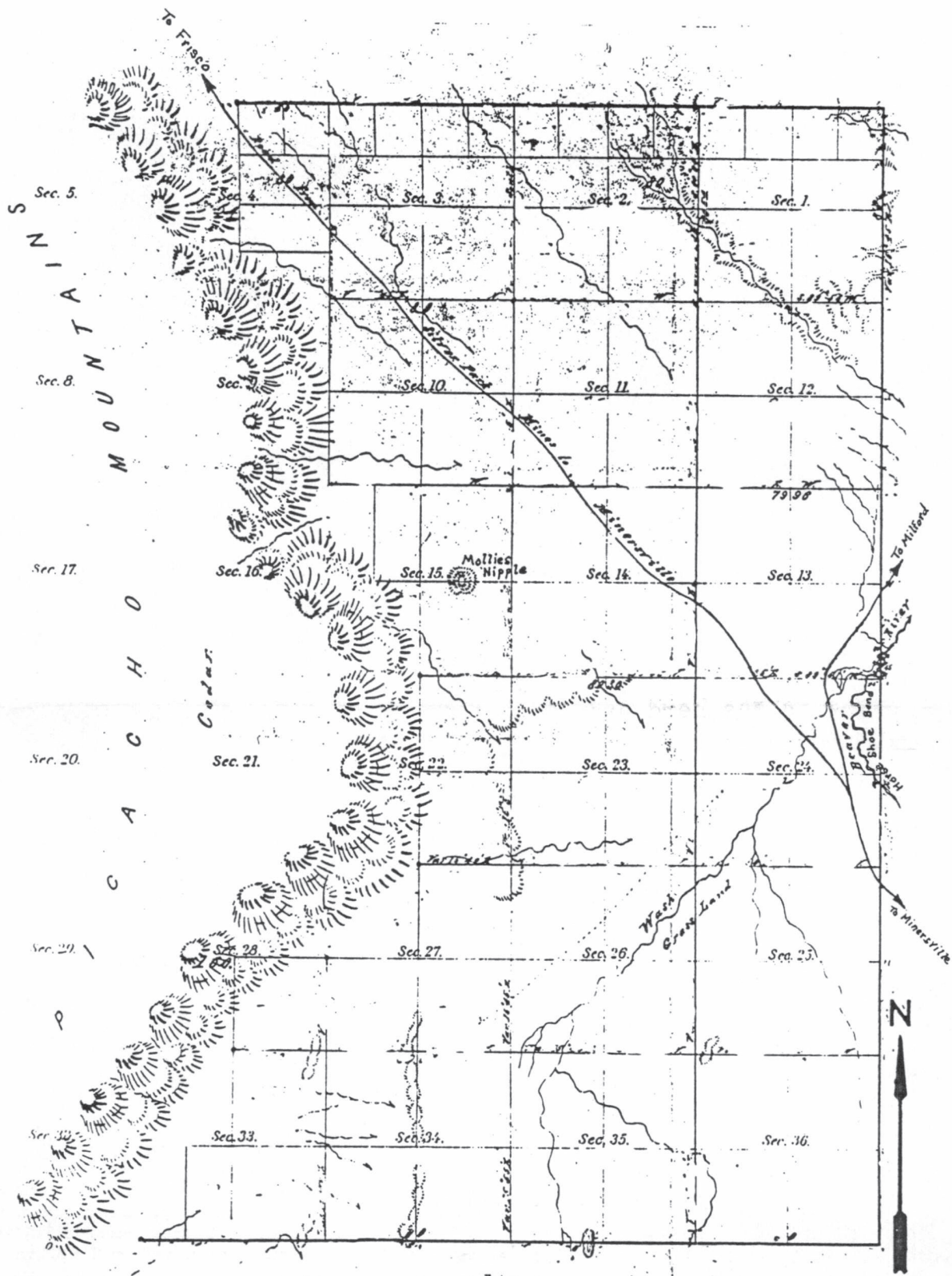
Raid the Camp and Tie Herders to
Fence, After Which They Proceed
to Destroy Flocks and Burn
Wagons and Supplies.

Cyrus Ingelbursen, foreman of the Stevens & Maxwell sheep ranch, twenty-four miles south of Laramie, Wyo., reported at that place Tuesday afternoon that fifteen masked men raided his sheep camp, on Weaver ranch, six miles from Tie Siding. The foreman and two herders were tied to a fence, after which the raiders killed 300 head of sheep from a bunch of 3,000 breeding ewes ranging on land owned and leased by Stevens & Maxwell. Wagons containing the food supply of the camp were burned.



Sheep Camp near Black Rock, Utah about 1900.

Milford Times April 29, 1904



OLD TERRITORIAL MAP

Mollies Nipple Area - 1880's

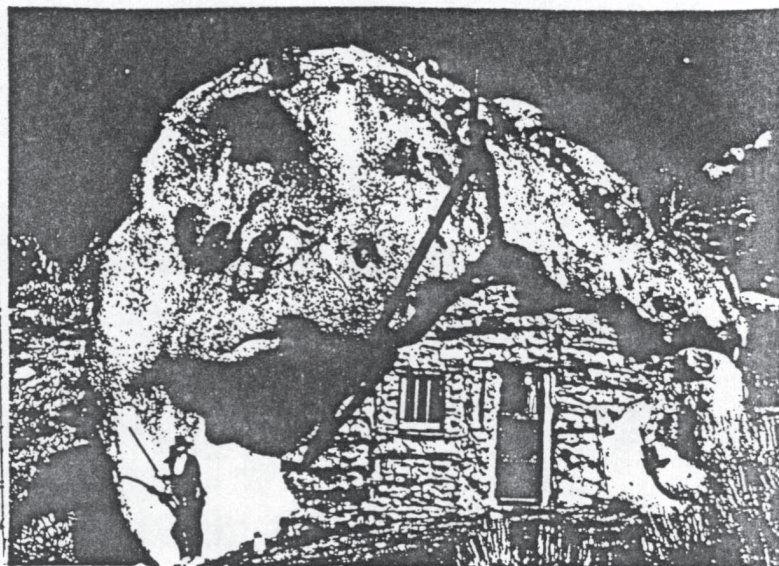
from Milford towards Black Rock, by way of Antelope Springs Station, then to Twin Peaks and White Mountain Stations, and easterly to Kanosh. This desolate 65 mile stretch of trail comprised one of the most treacherous, outlaw infested portions of the entire route between Milford and Salt Lake City. This trip for Andy would change his luck for the worse. Somewhere along the desert trail between Milford and Black Rock the stage was held up and robbed by bandits. Two masked men ordered the passengers out of the coach and took their money and valuables, including Andy's nest-egg that had been carefully tucked away among some clothing in his suitcase. Every passenger on the stagecoach was terrified and feared that they would be killed, but no one was hurt and the bandits escaped safely with their loot into the surrounding hills. Years later Andy Robinson resided at Lewiston, Utah and consistently told his experience, echoing the words of his trail boss Will Crane, who claimed that Andy would be a wealthy man if only he could have made it home with all the money.

According to old timers and local history buffs, there were a few bank robberies at Milford around the turn of the century that may account for the stolen cache. Various outlaws also inhabited this region, including Butch Cassidy, The McCarty Gang, Sam Ketchum, and the McCoy bandits. It may never be known which outlaws participated in this incident, or if the pair of bandits that held up the stagecoach could have actually robbed the same money twice during the same day. Perhaps research on the numerous outlaw hangouts such as Nigger Maggies Resort, McEwen Springs or Pinnacle Bill's stone cabin hideout may provide some answers.

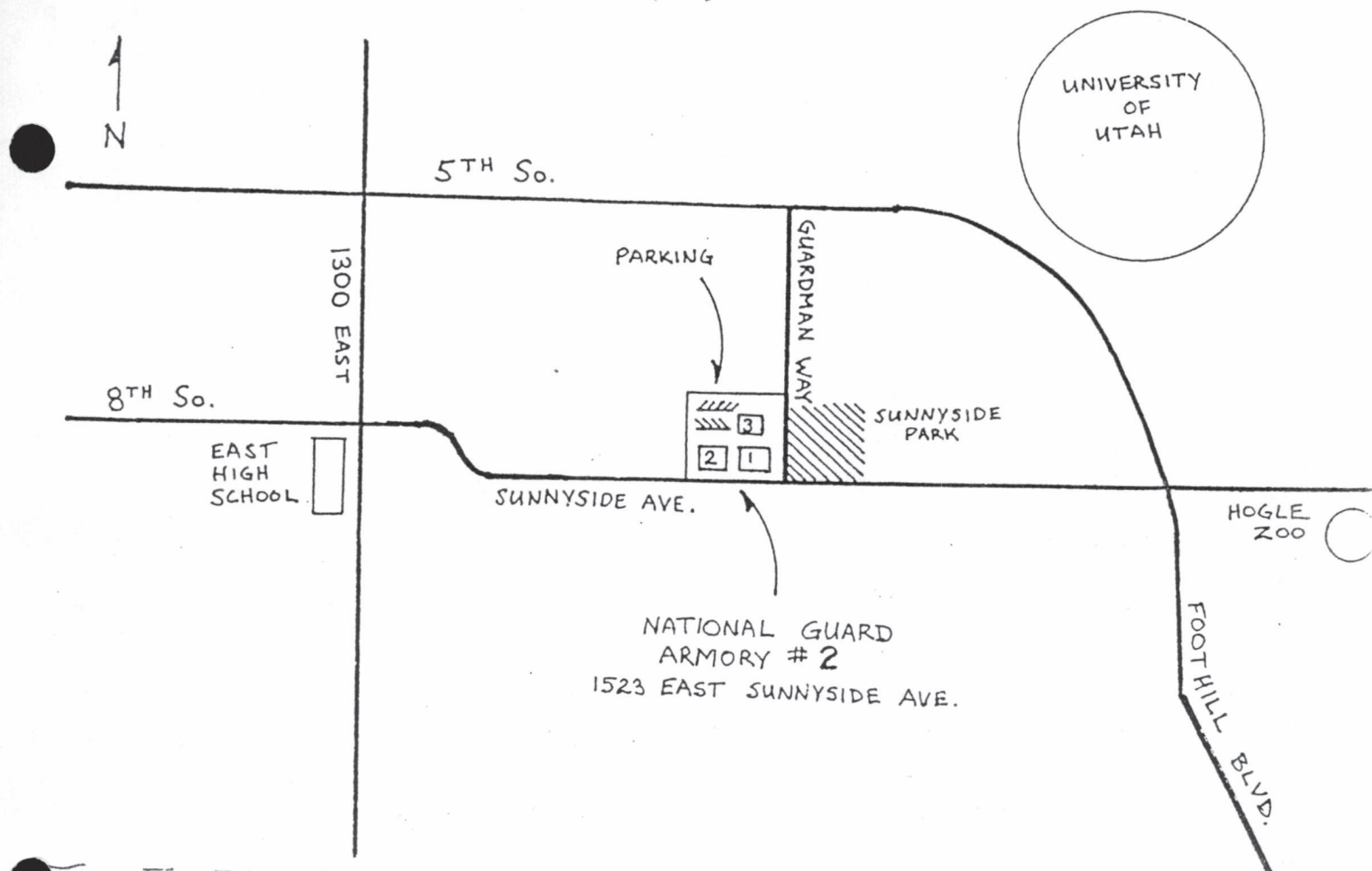
The Mollies Nipple hill stands out along the western edge of Milford valley, as a prominent landmark. During the late 1920's or early 1930's one of Milford's residents was hunting rabbits in the vicinity of Mollies Nipple and chanced on to an old rotting canvas bank or mail bag of uncertain origin. Even though the bag was empty it does add to the legend of Mollies Nipple and the possibility for other outlaw caches that could be hidden in the hills around Milford.



Early Bank in Milford, about 1900.



Pinnacle Bill's Stone Cabin Hideout, Beaver County



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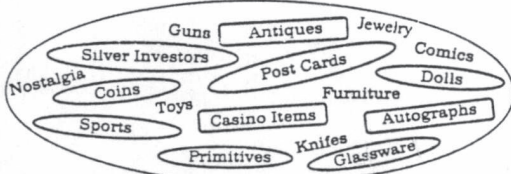
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